

$$n, d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \neq 0$$

$$d|n \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ st. } n = d \cdot k$$

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$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $a|b$  and  $b|c$   
then  $a|c$

Starting Point: Suppose  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$   
s.t.  $a|b$  and  $b|c$   
Show:  $a|c$  ( $c = a \cdot \text{some integer}$ )

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Since  $a|b$  so  $b = a \cdot k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$   
and  $b|c$  so  $c = b \cdot j$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= b \cdot j \\ &= (a \cdot k) \cdot j \quad \text{subst.} \\ &= a \cdot (k \cdot j) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m = k \cdot j$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  
it is the product of ints  
so  $c = a \cdot m$  where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore a|c$  by def of divides.

QED

Any integer  $n > 1$  is divisible  
by a prime number.

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$$n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 1$$

if  $n$  is prime, the statement is  
true

if  $n$  is not prime, then

$$n = r_0 \cdot s_0 \quad r_0, s_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$1 < r_0 < n$$

$$1 < s_0 < n$$

By def. of divisibility  $r_0 | n$

if  $r_0$  is prime, the statement is  
true

if  $r_0$  is not prime

$$r_0 = r_1 \cdot s_1$$

$$r_1, s_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$1 < r_1 < n$$

$$1 < s_1 < n$$

By def of  $|$   $r_1 | r_0$   
so  $r_1 | n$  (since  $r_1 | r_0$  and  $r_0 | n$ )

keep going until we find  
 $r_i$  that is prime

$$1 < r_k < \dots < r_2 < r_1 < r_0 < n$$

# Unique factorization for integers

Given an integer  $n > 1$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  and distinct prime numbers  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  and positive integers  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k$  such that

$$n = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot p_3^{e_3} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{e_k}$$

and any other expression of  $n$  as a product of primes is identical to this except for the order in which they are written.

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e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} 56 &= 2 \cdot 28 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 4 \\ &= 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= 2^3 \cdot 7^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 56 &= 4 \cdot 14 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 \\ &= 2^3 \cdot 7 \end{aligned}$$

Prove or give a counterexample

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  if  $a|b$  and  $b|a$  then  $a=b$

Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $a|b$  and  $b|a$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= ka & \text{for } k, l \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &= lb \end{aligned}$$

$$a = l \cdot b = (l \cdot k) \cdot a$$

since  $a|b$  and  $a \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{a} &= (l \cdot k) \cancel{a} \\ 1 &= l \cdot k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= l = 1 \\ b &= k \cdot a = 1 \cdot a = a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= l = -1 \\ b &= ka = -1 \cdot a = -a \end{aligned}$$